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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Thu, 23 Sep 1993 05:36:38 GMT
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Subject: "We must see your original license" requirement
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

: |> So I asked L. Ron Natalie, where in Part 97 this was stipulated and he
: |> said "It's on the back of Form 610".
: |>
: |> I happen to have a Form 610 here, dated September 1987 and nowhere
: |> on the back or front of it does it require the examinee to show
: |> the VEs the original copy of the license.
: |> Yes, I know that there is a newer Form 610 out just this year.
: |> However, VE teams have been requiring your original license for
: |> longer than that. It's a good way to screw someone up when they
: |> come back for their first upgrade, eh? I would hazard a guess
: |> that one or more of the VECs suggested to the FCC that they add
: |> this requirement to the paperwork.

: |>

You go down there, show them your license, and take the test. What's so hard about that?

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In article <6374@catnip.berkeley.ca.us> kc6sss@catnip.berkeley.ca.us (Andy) writes:

> ...

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> longer than that. It's a good way to screw someone up when they
> come back for their first upgrade, eh? I would hazard a guess
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Ya know, I don't understand all the VEC/VE bashing I've seen lately. Why the hell would a VE want to 'screw someone up'? And why would the VECs want to create MORE paperwork?

"Screw someone up"???? Sheesh...If that's a common perception, I'll find something else to do with my Saturday mornings.

Mark AA7TA

Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1993 11:31:12 GMT
From: mdisea!mothost!lmpsbbs!news@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Codeless Technician
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

> I have no problem with those who want to enjoy CW as their mode of
> operation, but to assume [...] that everyone has to be proficient in
> CW to use HF is ludicrous.

The knowledge of c.w. is required on HF by International law. This too will pass.

Bruce, WB4YUC, e1 YUCCO. . .

Date: 22 Sep 93 20:04:49 GMT
From: walter!porthos!dancer!whs70@RUTGERS.EDU
Subject: FCC Preempts scanner laws for Ham Transceivers
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FCC Gives Hams new protection against scanner laws'

In an FCC decision announced 8/20/93 as a result of PR Docket 91-36 gives Amateur Radio operators a powerful new tool to use against ill-conceived local and state laws and ordinances.

The essence of the FCC's decision, based on the ARRL motion for a declaratory ruling is:

"We (the FCC) hold that state and local laws that preclude the possession in vehicles or elsewhere of amateur radio service transceivers by amateur operators merely on the basis that the transceivers are capable of the reception of public safety, special emergency, or other radio service frequencies, the reception of which is not prohibited by federal law, are inconsistent the federal objectives of facilitating and promoting the amateur radio service and, more fundamentally, with the federal interest in amateur operators' being able to transmit and receive on authorized amateur service frequencies.

"We therefold hold that such state and local laws are preempted by federal law."

-----The above was excerpted from "The ARRL Letter," Vol 12, #17, September 14, 1993, published by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), Newington, CT.

-----end of excerpted material-----

The above FCC action will do at least one thing immediately...Michigan is the only state which restricts amateurs to any degree. Michigan does not include Novice license holders in their state law's exemption. With this new FCC decision, a Novice in Michigan need not worry about falling prey to the Michigan scanner law because s/he has an amateur tranceiver in the car with extended receive capability.

To the best of my knowledge, the few other states with scanner laws that prohibit radio receiving equipment (e.g. scanners and/or amateur transcievers) in vehicles, all have exemptions for licensed amateur operators.

The main value of this FCC ruling will be against those local governments

(e.g. cities, counties, townships, etc.) where similar bans against radio receivers in automobiles have been enacted. Likewise, it is a valuable tool against the possibility of other states enacting similar prohibitions, without specifically exempting hams, where none may now exist.

The ARRL Letter indicated a full write-up on this FCC action will be in the November QST.

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For Your Information:

(posted to the rec.radio.amateur.misc and rec.radio.info newsgroups
and the boatanchors mailing list <Moderator added r.r.amateur.policy>)

CQ CQ CQ DE NA4G

I had been looking for information relating to commercial radio operator testing procedures, etc., and ran across the following recent tid-bit.

Since the FCC dropped official testing last year, and I kick myself for missing that last exam opportunity, commercial tests have been unavailable. Apparently, the FCC has given the go-ahead for private testing organizations to give commercial radio exams. The information relating to this has not been easy to find. Several phone calls to various FCC offices did not seem to help much, either. Below is a snippet of info relating to one of the organizations giving tests, that was passed my way recently.

In the hope that it may be of some interest to those unfortunate radio freaks amongst us (like me (:+{})) who are wont to get a real radio license, and are having one dickens of a time finding out just what is going on, I am passing this along in case it may be of use.

Don't contact me for more info, contact these folks below. I am still trying to find out what/where/whom, etc.

73 de NA4G, Bob

p.s. --- the usual net-disclaimers and net-caveats probably apply.

quoted text follows

PRIVATIZED COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Dallas, TX (Sept. 20, 1993) National Radio Examiners, the commercial radio testing arm of The W5YI Group, Inc., announced today that they are ready to conduct FCC license examinations for both the Marine Radio Operator Permit and the General Radiotelephone Operator License. Up until this year these exams were conducted by the Federal Communications Commission. Eventually all commercial radio examinations will be available in the private sector as the FCC releases the question pools from which the examinations are constructed. The Marine Radio Operator Permit is needed to operate radiotelephone stations aboard certain large ships and vessels that carry passengers and boats that operate on medium or high frequencies. The permit is also required by certain aviation and coast radiotelephone stations.

The General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) is the most popular of all Commercial Radio licenses. It is required to adjust, maintain or internally repair transmitters in the aviation, maritime and international fixed public radio services. It also permits operation of high powered maritime radio stations and pleasure vessels operating at more than 1,000 watts. Many companies also require the GROL as an indication of technical proficiency in communications and electronics.

To obtain these licenses, an applicant must pass an examination on Radio Law (MROP) and additionally an electronics examination for the GROL. There are 24 multiple-choice questions on the MROP test, 100 on the General Radiotelephone Operator License examination. Passing score is 75% correct. All questions that might appear on

these examinations were released by the Government during early September. There are nearly 900 questions in these question pools. All questions, and their multiple choices and answers are public information. Approximately 10% of these questions are chosen for the examination. Copies of the Element 1 and 3 question pools along with the FCC's (Part 13) Rules covering Commercial Radio Operators are available from National Radio Examiners. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 565206, Dallas, Texas 75356 Cost: \$10.00 plus \$2.95 shipping handling.)

The National Radio Examiners (Division: The W5YI Group) has established nearly 300 Testing Centers around the United States. Telephone: 817/461-6443 for the nearest location.

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In article 5064@porthos.cc.bellcore.com, whs70@dancer.cc.bellcore.com (sohl,william h) writes:
>>In article <ahLvt*-j1@ve3faq.UUCP> smc@ve3faq.UUCP (Scott McIntyre) writes:
>>>A few weeks ago, I received my registration package for the upcoming school
>>>year, and I noticed a new "rule" on the student conduct sheet. The new rule
>>>pertained to communication devices. All cellular telephones, pagers, _and
>>>two way radio devices_ were banned from being anywhere on school property,

Under such a broad and sweeping prohibition, the rule (as posted above) would appear to also ban cellular phones, CB radios, ham radios, etc. even if they are installed in a vehicle. Maybe they expect anyone with a mobile phone/radio to "check it at the gate" and then pick it up on the way out :-)

As this appeared some time ago, does Scott McIntyre have any update?

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I think you will find that your vehicle is an extension of your home.
The University will have no authority there. Somewhere, I think you will find
that there has been a ruling on this as I seem to remember a story about
a fellow who kept a gun, by permit, in his vehicle. His company tried
to confiscate it, but ended up giving it back because of that ruling.
Check-in with the gun nuts...

Bruce, WB4YUC, e1 YUCCO. . .

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